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Dear Sir or Madam:

This is a request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") on behalf of Growth Energy, an association of domestic ethanol producers.

On October 15, 2015, the EPA Office of the Inspector General ("OIG") announced that it "plans to begin preliminary research on lifecycle impacts of the EPA's renewable fuel standard [(RFS)]." Letter *Re Project No. OPE-FYE16-0005* from Patrick Gilbride to Janet McCabe (Oct. 15, 2015).

We request all records created or received by OIG on or before October 15, 2015, regarding any potential or actual OIG research or project regarding the RFS, including but not limited to:

- 1) All internal communications regarding any potential or actual OIG research or project regarding the RFS;
- 2) All external communications regarding any potential or actual OIG research or project regarding the RFS;
- 3) All internal communications regarding any potential or actual external meeting, call, or other communication regarding any potential or actual OIG research or project regarding the RFS;
- 4) All external communications regarding any potential or actual external meeting, call, or other communication regarding any potential or actual OIG research or project regarding the RFS; and
- 5) All memoranda, emails, calendar invitations, calendar entries, and other records reflecting any potential or actual external meeting, call, or other communication regarding any potential or actual OIG research or project regarding the RFS.

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For purposes of this request, an "internal" communication involves exclusively government personnel, and an "external" communication involves at least one non-government person or entity.

We make this request in order to further Growth Energy's commercial interests. Growth Energy is willing to pay up to \$500 in fees. If you anticipate that fees will exceed that amount, please inform me before generating excess charges.

We request that responsive records be provided to me in their original format where reasonably feasible.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Siskel', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Edward N. Siskel